

RESOLUTION NO. 20140626-098

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's most recent survey of historic resources was conducted in 1984, and chronicled structures 50 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, a large number of structures built after 1934 would benefit from identification as historic and as a part of a larger preservation planning effort that is pro-active rather than re-active; and

WHEREAS, there have been a number of neighborhood surveys, or surveys completed in conjunction with National Register or Local Historic District nominations; and

WHEREAS, decisions about historic preservation have been repeatedly handicapped due to uncertainty as to the location of historic resources and what should be protected by public policy or programs; and

WHEREAS, Austin's recent preservation policy has emphasized the use of Local Historic Districts as the preferred tool for preservation, but professional consultants are often too costly for most neighborhood efforts; and

WHEREAS, volunteer efforts at historical surveys have struggled to meet the necessary professional standards required; and

WHEREAS, a historic survey can be phased over multiple years and combine the work of city staff, volunteers and professional consultants; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to inventory existing historic surveys and to provide a plan to conduct a phased approach for an updated Historic Resources Survey as a part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Process

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City manager is directed to work with the Historic Landmark Commission and other stakeholders to develop priority areas of focus for the first phase and make recommendations regarding capacity or staffing of the City of Austin's Historic Preservation Program relative to peer cities and survey efforts.

ADOPTED: June 26, 2014

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk